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20 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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24 To establish a Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys to advise the Mayor and Council on issues
25 and needs related to fathers, men and boys in the District.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
28 act may be cited as the "Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys Establishment Act of 2013 ".

29 Sec. 2. Establishment of the Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys.

30 The Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys ("Commission") is established to advise the
31 Mayor, the Council, and the public on issues and needs of fathers, men, and boys in the District
32 of Columbia

33 Sec. 3. Commission Members; Qualifications; Terms of Office; Removal.

34 (a) The Commission shall consist of 21 members nominated by the Mayor and subject to
35 the consent of the Council in accordance with section 2(f) of the Confirmation Act of 1978,
36 effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(f). The makeup of the

1 Commission shall reflect the demographics throughout the District and shall include prominent
2 business and community leaders, and individuals certified in fatherhood training or documented
3 experience working directly issues of particular interest and concern to fathers, men and boys.

4 (b) Members of the Commission shall be residents of the District.

5 (c) Members shall be appointed to serve terms of 4 years and shall serve until their
6 successors are appointed. A member of the Commission may be reappointed and may serve no
7 more than 4 consecutive terms.

8 (d) Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Commission, the Mayor shall, within 90 working
9 days of the vacancy, appoint a successor to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

10 (e) The Mayor shall designate, from among the members appointed, the Chairman, who
11 shall serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Mayor.

12 (f) All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation except that
13 expenses incurred by the Commission as a whole, or by a group of its members, shall become an
14 obligation against appropriated District funds designated for that purpose.

15 (g) The Mayor may remove, after notice and hearing, any member of the Commission for
16 neglect of duty, incompetence, misconduct or malfeasance in office.

17 Sec. 4. Duties of the Commission.

18 (a) The Commission shall have the duty to:

(1) Serve as an advocate for fathers, men, and boys residing in the District by advising and making recommendations to the Mayor and the Council concerning the needs of District residents related to, or concerning fathers, men, and boys;

(2) Research, review, maintain and disseminate empirical data, statistics, and facts concerning or attributable to fatherhood and family social economic issues;

(3) Stimulate and encourage the dialogue of responsible fatherhood and spur community initiatives to combat fatherlessness;

(4) Prepare and recommend to the Mayor and the Council an annual plan of programs and services focused on issues directly related to fathers, men, and boys;

(5) Work with District agencies, the private sector, and local communities to promote a healthier societal impact on fathers, men, and boys; and

(6) Nominate special advisors to serve and provide technical and expert advice on specific and particular matters relevant to the functions of the Commission.

(b) The Commission shall devise policies and procedures that will effectively address the social economic concerns of fathers, men and boys, including:

(1) Employment;

(2) Poverty;

(3) Fatherlessness and responsible fatherhood;

(4) Family law;

(5) Health and well-being; and

(6) Rehabilitation and reintegration.

(c) The Commission shall work with, and seek the constant input and advice from, the Advisory Council on Fathers, Men and Boys established by section 5.

(d) The Commission is authorized to apply for and receive grants to fund programs and initiatives in accordance with procedures relating to grants management and to recommend to the Mayor and Council applications for Federal grants-in-aid for fatherhood, children and family initiatives.

(e) The Commission may accept private gifts and donations to carry out the purposes of this act.

Sec. 5. Advisory Council on Fathers, Men and Boys.

There is established an Advisory Council on Fathers, Men, and Boys (“Advisory Council”) composed of the heads of certain District government agencies created to assist the Commission in the performance of its duties. The Advisory Council shall consist of the following agency Directors or their designees:

- (1) Department of Employment Services;
- (2) Department of Housing and Community Development;
- (3) Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services;
- (4) Office of Child and Family Services;
- (5) Office of Returning Citizens Affairs;
- (6) Department of Human Services;
- (7) Department of Health;
- (8) Metropolitan Police Department;
- (9) Office of the State Superintendent of Education; and

1 (10) Office of Attorney General-Child Support Services Division.

2 Sec. 6. Conforming amendments.

3 Section 2(f) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142;

4 D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(f), is as follows:

5 (1) Paragraph (48) is amended by striking the word “and” at the end.

6 (2) Paragraph (49) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the
7 phrase “; and” in its place.

8 (3) A new paragraph (50) is added to read as follows:

9 “(50)” The Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys, established pursuant to
10 section 2 of the Commission of Fathers, Men and Boys Establishment Act of 2013.

11 Sec. 7. Fiscal impact statement.

12 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
13 statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved
14 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(3)).

15 Sec. 8. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
17 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as
18 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
19 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
20 Columbia Register.